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The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" That will depend upon the strength of the recommendation of the High Court and the state of statistics."

Expenditure and income of the District Court, Chittoor.

* 461 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have scrutinized the statistics of pending work in the District Judge's Court at Chittoor, and examined whether its existence is necessary; and

(*b*) what have been the cost of running the District Judge's Court at Chittoor and the income derived by way of court-fees since 1st July last?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) The Government have not the information.

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I ask whether information regarding the cost of running the District Judge's Court at Chittoor, cannot be collected? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" As I stated, the High Court will forward all that information to the Government if and when they send their proposal."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" When information is desired by hon. Members of this House, will the Government not call for it? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" There is no need for it now."

Proposed abolition of either the District Court of Chittoor or North Arcot.

* 462 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal either with the Government or the High Court to abolish either the District Court of Chittoor or that of North Arcot;

(*b*) whether the respective District Judges were consulted in the matter; and

(*c*) whether statistics about the civil and criminal work in the respective District Courts were called for and examined?

A.—(*a*) There is no such proposal before the Government and they have no information whether any proposal of the kind is now before the High Court.

(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise.